Recycling & waste collection dates for the festive period

CHRISTMAS WEEK (No collection 25th & 26th)	
NORMAL DAY	REVISED DAY
Monday 21 Dec →	Collections as normal
Tuesday 22 Dec →	Collections as normal
Wednesday 23 Dec →	Collections as normal
Thursday 24 Dec →	Collections as normal
Friday 25 Dec →	Sunday 27 Dec

NEW YEARS WEEK (No collection 1st Jan).	
NORMAL DAY	REVISED DAY
Monday 28 Dec (Bank Holiday) →	Collections as normal
Tuesday 29 Dec →	Collections as normal
Wednesday 30 Dec →	Collections as normal
Thursday 31 Dec →	Collections as normal
Friday 01 Jan →	Saturday 02 Jan

Capital Times

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THIS year the large Christmas tree outside Cardiff Castle has been kindly donated to the city by Admiral.

The Cardiff-based insurance specialist stepped forward after it was agreed that Christmas trees would need to be funded by sponsorship due to the budget pressures the Council faces.

Cabinet Member for Community Development, Co-operatives, and Social Enterprise, Councillor Peter Bradbury said: "We are very grateful to Admiral who are sponsoring the city's Christmas Tree this year. The financial pressures affecting local authorities have put tremendous strain on our budgets. We have to look at new ways of doing things." Admiral's Chief Financial Officer, Geraint Jones, said: "The city centre would not be the same without the Christmas tree outside Cardiff Castle, so when we heard it might not be there, we were only too happy to help."

For details on events in the city over the festive period, visit **www.cardiff-events.com**

The £115million budget challenge

CARDIFF'S residents are being urged by the City Council to have their say on the authority's savings plans for 2016/17.

Next year the Council has to find over £45million from its budget and the changes planned to achieve this shortfall will go to public consultation on Friday, December 11.

The scale of the challenge is huge, especially in the light of cuts the Council has had to make since 2010.

Cabinet Member for Corporate Services and Performance, Councillor Graham Hinchey, said: "This affects everyone in Cardiff and it's important for people to understand just how difficult the situation continues to be for the authority.

"Since 2010, we have had to make savings of around £150million, including £76million in the past two years. On top of that, we expect to have a budget shortfall of over £115million over the three years to 2018/19.

"But it's not just the ongoing cuts that make things difficult. Cardiff is a city whose population is booming. We are the fastest growing city in the UK. This of course puts more pressure on our services requiring more schools, more care provision and more housing.

"Combine the cuts and the growing demands with the unique challenges Cardiff faces as the capital city, with almost 80,000 people commuting here to work every day and a student population of 40,000, then I hope people can begin to understand the incredibly tough decisions we have to take.

"We deliver over 700 services across the city, but we will have to do things differently to save over £45million this year alone.

"We are already working with partners in the public and third sector and the community to save money. We can't face this challenge alone and we want to work together with residents, businesses and other organisations to ensure that despite these budget cuts, Cardiff remains a great place to live, work and visit."

It is expected that the budget will be set at Full Council in February 2016 although delays to the finalisation of the financial settlement from the UK Government and in turn the Welsh Government may push this back until March. Over the coming weeks, proposals to make these considerable savings will be set out and the public will have the opportunity to have their say on the proposals.

Councillor Hinchey added: "We want to know people's ideas how we can deliver services differently in partnership with communities and partner organisations and so I urge residents to have their say when the proposals are set out."

The Council will run a series of public events from the middle of December where people can share their views on the proposals and there will also be opportunities to give feedback online. Full details of the Council's proposals will be published online for people to view at www.cardiff.gov.uk/budget.

Turn to page 2 for details of our budget consultation events.

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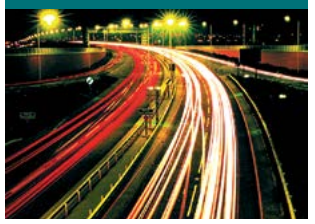

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A day in a life

The latest in a regular series looking at jobs carried out by people who make a difference in the city. This month, **Hazel Orchard**, our co-ordinator for Supported Lodgings, talks to Capital Times about her role finding safe accommodation within family homes for young people leaving care.

I have worked in Children's Services for 24 years, starting off helping and supporting parents and children to try and prevent family breakdown which can happen for all sorts of reasons such as drug and alcohol abuse, domestic abuse or if there are concerns about people who have become involved with the family.

"Now, I often work with the young people I worked with when they were small children, hitting home that some individuals spend their whole lives travelling through the care system into adulthood.

"My role is to match these young people with the appropriate Supported Lodgings provider so that they can feel safe, empowered, equipped and encouraged to deal with the present and go on to confidently deal with the future. It is also essential for our providers that they are matched with placements who will fit in with their family, lifestyle or personality.

"I get to know our providers so well and I know immediately who would best match them and which young person's needs they would be best equipped to help.

"There is currently a shortfall of Supported Lodgings providers in the city and many young people have to use alternative accommodation such as hostels or housing projects which may not be the best option for them.

"Christmas time can be especially difficult. For these young people, it can be a long, bleak, anxious and lonely time. Many individuals will have to stay in hostels when really they would benefit so much more from a safe, home environment.

"My vision is that every young person should not feel helpless, hopeless or useless; that they don't go through life feeling unsupported, unloved and not belonging and have the confidence to plan for their future."

The City of Cardiff Council needs more people to join the Supported Lodgings scheme and make the difference to the lives of young people in the city. For more information on the scheme, visit www.cardiff.gov.uk/supportedlodgings or call 029 2023 9827.

Budget Consultation Drop-in sessions

Monday, December 14

Central Library Hub,
10am – 12noon

The Powerhouse, Llanedeyrn
11am - 1pm

Tuesday, December 15

Rumney Library (Christmas Tree Festival),
2pm – 4pm

Fairwater Leisure Centre
4pm – 6pm

Wednesday, December 16

Dalton Street Community Centre, Cathays
11am – 1pm

Chapter Arts Centre, Canton,
4pm- 6pm

Thursday, December 17

Rhydypennau Library (Goldies Cymru event)
10am – 12 noon

Saturday, December 19

Pugh's Garden Village, Morganstown,
11am – 1pm

Monday 21 December

Llanrumney Hub, (Fun Day)
2pm - 4pm

Tuesday December 22

Ely and Caerau Community Hub,
1pm – 3pm

Winter Wonderland,
4pm – 6pm

Tuesday, January 5

St Mellons Hub,
11am – 1pm

Maindy Centre,
4pm – 6pm

Wednesday, January 6

Cardiff Flea Market, Clydesmuir Ind. Est.,
11am – 1pm

Llanishen Leisure Centre,
4.30pm – 6.30pm

Thursday, January 7

Dusty Forge, Ely,
11am – 1pm

University Hospital of Wales, Heath
2pm – 4pm

Friday, January 8

Whitchurch Library,
10am – 12 noon

STAR Centre, Splott
3pm – 5pm

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Committee Dates - Dec-Jan 2015

Monday, November 30. Audit Committee. 2pm, Committee Room 4, County Hall.

Tuesday, December 1. Licensing Committee. 10am, Committee Room 1, County Hall

Tuesday, December 1. Public Protection Committee. 10.30am, Committee Room 1, County Hall.

Tuesday, December 1. Policy Review and Performance Scrutiny Committee. 4.30pm, Committee Room 4, County Hall.

Wednesday, December 2. Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committee. 5pm, Committee Room 4 , County Hall.

Thursday, December 3. Cabinet. 1.30pm, City Hall.

Thursday, December 3. Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee. 4.30pm, Committee Room 4, County Hall.

Tuesday, December 8. Environmental Scrutiny Committee. 4.30pm, Committee Room 1, County Hall.

Tuesday, December 8. Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee. 4.30pm, Committee Room 4, County Hall.

Wednesday, December 9. Planning Committee *. 2.30pm, Committee Room 4, County Hall.

Thursday, December 10. Cabinet. 3.30pm, City Hall.

Friday, December 11. Glamorgan Archives Joint Committee. 2pm, Records Office, Clos Parc Morgannwg, Leckwith.

Tuesday, December 15. Standards & Ethics Committee. 4.30pm, Committee Room 4, County Hall.

Thursday, December 17. Joint Children and Young People & Community and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee. 5pm, Committee Room 1, County Hall.

Wednesday, January 6. Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committee. 5pm, Committee Room 4, County Hall.

Tuesday, January 12. Licensing Committee. 10am, Committee Room 1, County Hall

Tuesday, January 12. Public Protection Committee. 10.30am, Committee Room 1, County Hall.

Tuesday, January 12. Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee. 2.30pm, Committee Room 4, County Hall.

Tuesday, January 12. Policy Review and Performance Scrutiny Committee. 4.30pm, Committee Room (TBC), County Hall.

Wednesday, January 13. Planning Committee*. 2.30pm, Committee Room 4, County Hall.

Thursday, January 14. Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee. 4.30pm, Committee Room 4, County Hall.

Tuesday, January 19. Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee. 2pm, Committee Room 4, County Hall.

Tuesday, January 19. Environmental Scrutiny Committee. 4.30pm, Committee Room 4, County Hall.

Wednesday, January 20. Democratic Services. 10.30am, Committee Room 4, County Hall.

Thursday, January 21. Cabinet. 3.30pm, City Hall.

Thursday, January 28. Full Council*. 4.30pm City Hall

* Visit the Council's webcasting site to view Full Council meetings live or archived webcasts at www.cardiff.gov.uk/webcasting.

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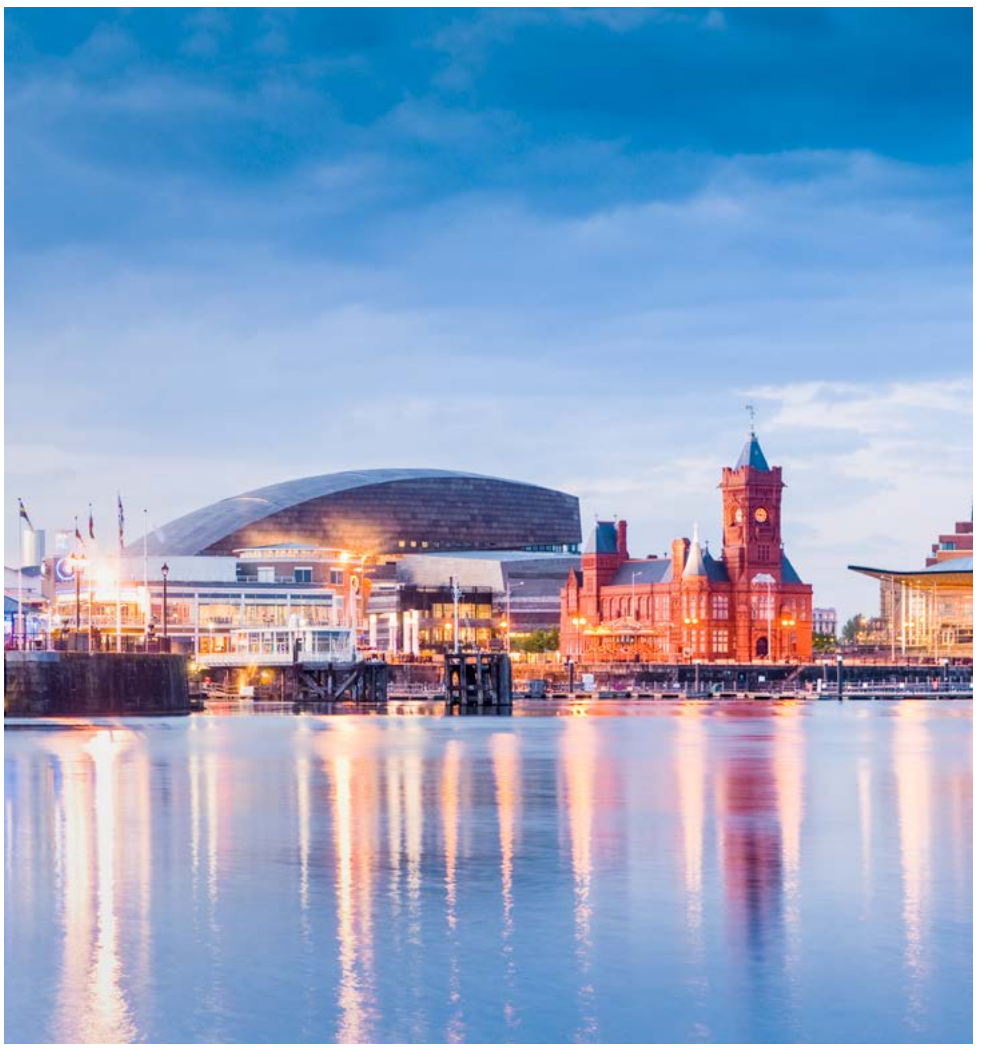
Cardiff's Liveable City report launched

THE Leader of the City of Cardiff Council, Phil Bale, launched Cardiff's Liveable City report at the Cardiff Convention recently.

The report gives a picture of where Cardiff rates against key liveability indicators including health, public safety, green spaces, economic growth and equality.

Councillor Bale was joined at the Cardiff Convention by internationally-renowned city experts, architects and academics to discuss and debate the future of Cardiff with business leaders, city leaders, local government representatives and think tank members.



Councillor Bale, said: "Cardiff has so much to offer, from its fabulous green spaces, the welcoming and friendly atmosphere and the wonderful sense you get of a young city on the rise. We have come so far already, but we now need to plan for the future and the Liveable City report sets the context on how we are going to do this.

"My vision for Cardiff is to be Europe's most liveable capital city and the report clearly shows where Cardiff is now and where we need to improve in the future. Cardiff is already a great place to live and work and the city is projected to be the UK's fastest growing major city – even faster than London.

"Climate change is an issue which faces every community globally and I am pleased that Cardiff is now recycling more waste than any other Core City in the UK. There is more work to do though through a variety of disciplines and the inspirational speakers at the convention gave us their insight, knowledge and experience on how to establish a true liveable city.

"The Cardiff Convention was an opportunity to learn from the experience of others including world-renowned experts on creating successful cities and leading people who have faced - in their own cities - the challenges Cardiff now faces.

"The Convention produced some great discussions and we can learn from others, to benefit Cardiff and all those who live and work here.

"In the past 20 years we have invested in cultural and sporting facilities, attracting high-profile events and delivering them to the highest standards. Cardiff is now very much on the world stage and we are working closely with our partners in South East Wales to deliver and promote the region as a magnificent place to visit, live and invest."

Speakers at the Cardiff Convention, which was held at the Mercure Cardiff Holland House Hotel, included Alison Dutois, associate with Gehl Architects in Copenhagen; Julie Chase, Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer from Austin in Texas; and Toby Blunt, an associate partner from Foster + Partners, architects for the Central Square Regeneration Scheme.

Major steps forward for city

NOVEMBER was a month full of major developments for Cardiff with progress on a City Deal for the region, the official announcement of BBC Wales' relocation to Central Square and the potential creation of a HMRC regional centre here which could employ up to 3,800 people.

News that the Welsh Government had committed £580m towards a City Deal proposal which could be worth up to £1.28 billion in total represents a major step forward in bringing a City Deal for the Cardiff Capital Region.

I welcome this positive step by Welsh Government and sincerely hope the UK Government will in turn match this contribution. Working with our nine local authority partners and other stakeholders to secure a £1.28bn City Deal will now become a key focus of the year ahead.

But, while we are doing everything we can to create new and better paid jobs in South East Wales, council budgets are still under huge pressure and no City Deal is going to change the tremendous cuts we still have to make.

Our own budget proposals will be released shortly and they will see us having to make up a shortfall of over £45m. This is not an easy task and I urge you all to join in the consultation process. Services that you've become accustomed to may no longer be sustainable and we will need to work together to find a way forward.

Examples of working together to deliver on a plan for Cardiff can be seen in BBC Wales' announcement that work is to begin in early December on their new headquarters in Central Square. This is wonderful news for the city and for our plans to regenerate this part of Cardiff. Now work can begin in earnest on transforming Central Square in line with our Foster + Partners masterplan, creating a world-class gateway to the Cardiff Capital City Region that everyone can be proud of.

The news too that HMRC has recognised the potential of Cardiff as a location for one of their new regional centres is also good news for the city. HMRC's faith in the future of Cardiff will safeguard tax office jobs that are currently here in Llanishen and any new regional centre has the potential to create hundreds of more jobs in the city.

Despite facing considerable financial challenges, it was great to see the Council achieving an important milestone during the annual Living Wage Week by successfully gaining Living Wage employer accreditation. Having become the first local authority in Wales to pay our staff the Living Wage in 2012, we are now an accredited Living Wage employer and in gaining this status, we are committing to working closely with contractors and other organisations that provide services on our property to encourage them also to pay the Living Wage.

Finally, I want to wish everyone living or working in the city a very happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

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Councillor Phil Bale
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Did you know that there are lots of ways you can have your say and make the difference to local democracy?

CONTACT YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLOR

Your elected councillors, 75 in total, serve you and your community and are responsible for areas of the city called wards, there are 29 in total. It's their role to represent you and your concerns and to lobby on your behalf.

You can email, write a letter or telephone your councillor. Many of our members are also engaging on social media. Contact details for councillors can be found here **www.cardiff.moderngov.co.uk/mgMemberIndex**

YOUNG PEOPLE CAN JOIN THE CARDIFF YOUTH COUNCIL

Every school can nominate three representatives to be part of the Cardiff Youth Council. Three 'Grand Council' meetings are held every year in City Hall. You can find out lots more on the Cardiff Youth Service Facebook page or Twitter.

ATTEND PUBLIC MEETINGS

There are regular Council meetings, Planning meetings (both televised live on our website) and five Scrutiny Committee meetings which are all open to the public. The dates and locations are all published on our website.

QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

Throughout the year you can ask a question or submit a petition concerning something that matters to you and your community. You can do this by contacting your local councillor. Your question or petition can then be taken/submitted at the next Full Council or Scrutiny meeting.

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TAKE PART IN PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

We regularly hold consultations on proposals that may affect you, your community and the services we provide. All of our consultations are widely available. Live consultations can be found at:

- Cardiff Debate www.cardiffdebate.co.uk
- Ask Cardiff public consultation webpage www.askcardiff.com
- Cardiff Citizens Panel. We also make sure details are included here, in the Capital Times, and in Council run buildings.

CROWDFUNDING

This is a relatively new way for you to get involved and make the difference to your local community. This is where people get together to raise money for restoration projects, community events or basically anything (within the bounds of the law) that matters to you and your community. If you are interested in crowdfunding then please visit **www.spacehive.com/initiatives/makethediff**

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

We send out regular updates on our services, events and any consultations taking place. It's well worth following us on Twitter and liking our page on Facebook. Many of your local councillors are also embracing social media channels. The hashtag #cdfcouncil also captures regular debates taking place about local democracy in Cardiff.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

We are always looking at ways of strengthening engagement with you. Here's some of the options we will be developing shortly…

- Public questions at Scrutiny Committees pilot
- e-petitions

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Important milestone for house building project

A developer has been appointed by the City of Cardiff Council to help deliver its ambitious plan of building up to 1,500 new homes in the city over the next 10 years through its Housing Partnership Programme.

Wates Living Space will partner the Council in this major housing regeneration project that will deliver sustainable, mixed tenure homes, including 600 Council houses, to tackle the growing housing demand in the city.

All the properties will meet high levels of sustainability and energy efficiency, ensuring that we help to tackle fuel poverty.

One of the key objectives of the project is to invest in the regeneration of our communities, deliver real community benefits including the creation of a long-term, sustainable local training and employment programmes as well as creating opportunities for local businesses, community groups and local people.

Cabinet Member for Health, Housing and Wellbeing, Councillor Susan Elsmore, said: "I'm delighted we have reached this important milestone in the Housing Partnership Programme, in which the Council will be investing up to £33m. Congratulations to Wates Living Space on their appointment to this exciting project.

"With over 10,000 people on the housing waiting list, this is an extremely important scheme that will play a key role in tackling Cardiff's housing need. The project will also enable first time buyers to get that important first step on the housing ladder.

"The scheme will help revitalise areas of the city for the future by investing in sustainable communities as well as creating local jobs and training opportunities."

The Housing Partnership Programme includes over 40 sites across Cardiff split into three phases of development with the first phase due to commence early next year. Each phase of the project will be capable of delivering around 500 houses at a time and all three phases will be completed by 2025.

News in brief

Community facilities at Pontprennau Primary School

COMMUNITY facilities, including a large sports hall, a community/crèche room and changing facilities are available to hire at Pontprennau Primary School.

Available out of school hours (evenings and weekends currently, then school holidays from Easter onwards), the hall is suitable for dance, gym, karate, judo, drama, parties, craft fairs and much more. Regular classes are held most evenings and the facilities are also popular for birthday parties at weekends.

A Facilities Support Officer or a member of staff from Pentwyn Leisure Centre is on hand during bookings for security and support. To make a booking or for further enquiries, email Pontprennauprimarybookings@cardiff.gov.uk or phone Katie Bezant (School Administrator) on 029 2073 5812.

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GOLDEN MOMENTS

The Goldies CYMRU Charity is spreading across Wales with its fun daytime singing and activity sessions for older people. Based on the popular hit tunes of the 50s onwards hundreds now look forward to attending as well as the volunteers who support the session leaders and the increasing number of volunteers who support them.

Pictured above - the November launch of the new session at Cardiff Central Library Hub. Goldies is for everyone. Chris loves going to the weekly session at Rhydypennau Library with Sue Thomas. He told Sue "I had a fab time, thanks – I haven't laughed so much in ages."

Call our Goldies Cymru Programme Leader
Rachel Parry on 07796 714816

School Report

On Friday October 9, as part of the Goldies intergenerational Time after Time programme, Goldies from the Whitchurch daytime session went to Thornhill Primary School in Cardiff.

Here is what pupil **Aimee Thomas** *(pictured below)* said about the day;

"First of all we were given a booklet of song words and we sang and danced to songs such as 'Sailor' by Petula Clark and 'The Twist' by Chubby Checker. We had a lot of fun doing the dances. Miss Berry suggested that next time they came we could teach them our school songs. Next we gave out tea and biscuits and went to sit and chat with them and we showed them photographs of us when we were toddlers and they also showed us photographs of themselves when they were children, they were in black and white! We moved tables so we were able to talk to everyone during the afternoon which was nice. We played games including Dominoes and Connect Four, which we showed them how to play! This was fun. My favourite part of the afternoon was when we sang and danced, I loved it.

"I would like to thank Goldies Cymru for visiting our school and sharing their experiences with us and we look forward to seeing them again soon."

Find out how your school can get involved in Time after Time.
Call Emlyn Schiavone on 07779 420626.

COME ALONG TO ONE OF OUR SESSIONS

Goldies Sessions in Cardiff: Every **FIRST WEDNESDAY** at 10.30 at Adamsdown Day Centre, Star Street Adamsdown, Cardiff; Every **LAST FRIDAY** at 11.00 at The Powerhouse, Roundwood, Llanedeyrn, Cardiff; Every **FIRST MONDAY** at 2.00 at The Ararat Baptist Church, Plas Treoda, Whitchurch, Cardiff; Every **SECOND TUESDAY** at 1.00 at The Beacon Centre, Harrison Drive, St Mellons, Cardiff.

Goldies Sessions in The Vale: Every **SECOND TUESDAY** at 10.30 at Salem Baptist Church, Beryl Road, Barry; Every **SECOND WEDNESDAY** at 11.30 at the Glyndwr Community Centre, Penarth; Every **FIRST TUESDAY** of every other month at 10.30 at The Reading Room, Bonvilston; Every **THIRD MONDAY** at 10.40 at The Old School Community Centre, Wine Street, Llantwit Major; Every **FOURTH MONDAY** at 2.00 at Lee Hall, Britway Road, Dinas Powys.

Goldies Sessions in Libraries: Every **FIRST TUESDAY** at 12.30 at Cardiff Central Library Hub, The Hayes, Cardiff; Every **THURSDAY WEEKLY** at 10.30 at Rhydpennau Library, Llandennis Road, Cardiff; Every **THIRD TUESDAY** at 2.00 at Ely & Caerau Community Hub, Cowbridge Road West, Cardiff.

COMING SOON

Gabalfa: St Marks Church,206 North Road, Gabalfa, Cardiff CF14 3BL
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Brython Drive, St Mellons
Immaculately presented 4 bed detached (master with en-suite), large receptions, open plan kitchen through to conservatory, utility, GF WC, converted garage, generous sunny gardens.
£230,000 - £240,000

Bridge Road, Llandaff
At a great price and close to the Cathedral and Llandaff High Street, this extended and tastefully finished property is offered with NO CHAIN and has off-street parking to rear.
£220,000 - £230,000

Gateside Close, Pontprennau
Spacious end terrace with lounge diner and converted garage. Three double bedrooms (master with en-suite), great storage space, large rear garden, off road parking. Great area.
£200,000 - £210,000

Glyn Eiddew, Pentwyn
MOVE STRAIGHT IN – NO CHAIN!! Stunning presentation, dormer loft conversion with en-suite, lovely conservatory, low maintenance gardens, great view to front. Very popular area.
£180,000

Western Drive, Gabalfa
With a great finish and generous living space, with three double bedrooms, a modern fitted kitchen, large garden and off road parking. Increasing sought after location & no chain.
£165,000-£175,000

Hazelhurst Rd, Llandaff North
PERFECT PARK VIEWS – Neutral modern décor throughout, large lounge, separate kitchen and two double bedrooms. First floor flat with garage, long 950+ year lease and share of freehold.
£170,000-£175,000

Longcross Street, Adamsdown
Just off Newport Road/City Road, this large property has three double beds plus converted loft, three receptions and enclosed rear garden. Excellent for larger families and rental.
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As part of the 3-4 year Apprenticeship Scheme you will be required to undertake a course of study leading to formal qualifications in Level 2 Horticulture, supplemented by a tailored programme of in-house practical training.

You will also be working with a number of specialist teams on a wide range of operations, including Ornamental Horticulture, Sport and Fine Turf, Bereavement Services, Community and Urban Ranger Service and the Arboricultural Unit.

You will be working outdoors in Cardiff's beautiful parks, helping to deliver seasonal floral displays, providing high quality sports pitch provision and enhancing the city's proud horticultural heritage.

This Apprenticeship Scheme is an ideal way for the right candidates to gain quality experience in a wide range of outdoor operations, and to develop a career in Horticulture and Open Space Management.

You will require at least three GCSE qualifications at grade C or above.

For an informal chat about the scheme, please contact Rob Jones or Will Power on **029 2044 5907** or **029 2044 5919** respectively.

For more information on the scheme and guidance on how to apply, please visit **www.cardiff.gov.uk/jobs**

Applications close on **Friday 15th January 2016**

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Rep. Example: borrow £800 over a year and repay £74 per month (last payment £66.18). Total repayable £880.80

Lord Mayor's Christmas concert for Velindre

A special Christmas concert in aid of the Lord Mayor of Cardiff's chosen charity will be held at St John's Church.

The concert will raise funds for Cardiff's Velindre Cancer Centre, the premier provider of radiotherapy and other specialist anti-cancer treatments in Wales and one of the largest cancer centres in the UK.

The awarding-winning Tredegar Town Band, soloist Natasha John and Cardiff City Voices choir will perform at the event on Wednesday December 2, 7-9pm, which will also feature readings from the Lord Mayor, Councillor David Walker, Roy Noble OBE, Wayne Griffiths of Devonalds Solicitors and chaplain at Velindre Cancer Centre, Eric Burke.

Councillor Walker said: "The Christmas concert at St John's Church is the latest event for my nominated charity during my year of office as we aim to raise as much as possible to fund Velindre's ground-breaking research and for the acquisition of the very latest technology in the treatment of cancer.

"Christmas is a time for coming together to celebrate and unfortunately, with so many of us being touched by cancer – either with sufferers in our own families, friends or colleagues, it's essential that we stand united against cancer. I'm calling on people across the city to join us in this fight and support us.

"The concert promises to be an entertaining evening that will benefit such a good cause. Christmas is also a time for giving so please help us raise funds for Velindre by supporting this event."

Tickets for the Christmas concert cost £10 for adults and £5 for children (under 16s). Tickets can be booked online by visiting www.velindrefundraising.com/bookonline

News in brief

Christmas Memorial Service

AN ecumenical Christmas Memorial Service, to which all are welcome, will be held at the Wenallt Chapel at Thornhill Crematorium on Sunday, December 6 at 2pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and pay their respects to their loved ones during this Christmas period.

The service, conducted by Rev. Lionel Fanthorpe will contain a number of readings, poems and carols. Deborah Morgan Lewis will be leading the singing and the service will conclude at approximately 3pm. The collection during the service is in aid of '2 Wish Upon a Star', which raises funds to improve bereavement support for parents after losing a child suddenly and traumatically.

This Christmas, Bereavement Services will again be selling memorial tags for a minimum donation of £2 in memory of a loved one which can be placed on one of the Christmas Memorial Trees in the Wenallt Chapel courtyard. The trees will be placed from December 3 and will remain in situ until January 5, 2016 when they will be removed in keeping with 'Twelfth Night' tradition.

All donations received will be in support of '2Wish Upon a Star'.

Award for Willowbrook Primary

WILLOWBROOK Primary School in St Mellons has been awarded the British Council's prestigious International School Award in recognition of its work to bring the world into the classroom.

The International School Award is a badge of honour for schools that do outstanding work in international education, such as through links with partner schools overseas. Willowbrook's international work includes fostering excellent relationships with schools in Pakistan and the USA which have developed into sustainable partnerships.

Headteacher Stephen Davies said: "We are delighted to have had this prestigious award for the third time. As a school, we value the opportunity international schools' partnerships have given our children to broaden their learning horizons and value other cultures and approaches to learning."

Council celebrates Living Wage employer status

THE City of Cardiff Council has successfully gained accreditation as a Living Wage employer.

Cabinet Member for Corporate Services and Performance, Councillor Graham Hinchey made the announcement at the Welsh Living Wage Week breakfast at IKEA in Cardiff at the start of November.

Cardiff took the historic step of becoming the first Council in Wales to pay its entire workforce the Living Wage in September 2012 while since April 2015, all agency staff employed by the Council have also been paid the Living Wage.

In light of this the Council decided that the time was right to submit an application for Living Wage employer status from the Living Wage Foundation.

Councillor Hinchey said: "It gave me a great deal of pride to be able to announce, during national Living Wage Week, that the City of Cardiff Council is now an accredited Living Wage employer. We are only the second local authority in Wales, with just over 30 councils across the UK receiving accreditation.

"The Council set the standard for all other local authorities in Wales when we became the first Welsh council to pay our employees the Living Wage in 2012 and now all agency staff working for the Council are also paid the Living Wage.

"I'm pleased we are able to build on that achievement now by gaining accreditation, making sure that everyone that we do business with knows that we are a Living Wage employer and working with contractors to encourage them to pay the Living Wage too."

In gaining accreditation, the Council is committing to work closely with contractors and other organisations that provide services on Council property to encourage them also to pay the Living Wage.

The current Living Wage in the UK outside London is £8.25, £1.55 more than the national minimum wage.

Since the introduction of the Living Wage in the Council in 2012 over 2,500 full time and part time employees have seen an increase in their wages. In addition over 400 full and part time agency staff have benefitted from a pay rise.

Cllr Hinchey continued: "An increase of £1.55 on the national minimum wage may not sound a great deal but it will have a considerable impact for those affected – staff who are delivering public services to high standards.

"This is another progressive step for the authority, in line with our values of being open, fair and together."

Under the terms of the accreditation, the Council will also explore the potential to introduce a Social Responsibility Charter, including consideration of the employment practices of any business bidding for work.

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Recycle this Christmas

AS you relax on Christmas Day after weeks of shopping and planning, panic might set in as you realise how much waste is created over the festive season.

Wrapping paper, boxes, cards, food waste and the tree! Fear not – a lot of this waste can be recycled and disposal shouldn't be stressful.

Cabinet Member for Environment, Cllr Bob Derbyshire, said: "The Christmas aftermath is a great opportunity to increase recycling rates across the city. Cardboard boxes, Christmas cards and selection boxes can go in your green recycling sacks. Very large pieces of cardboard can be placed out alongside your green bags.

"Wrapping paper can't be recycled easily as it tends to have cellotape attached but careful removal will ensure that this can be re-used again.

"Real Christmas trees can be cut into smaller pieces and placed in your garden waste bin. If you live in a bag area and have registered for a reusable sack collection, leave your Christmas tree by the side of your recycling and food waste during the next garden waste collection week and it'll be collected.

"Also, use your food caddies for turkey bones, peelings and other food waste associated with Christmas dinner.

"The Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC) will also be able to deal with any excess waste needs."

- HWRCs will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. On Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve ALL sites will open from 7am to 4pm. On Monday December 28, Wedal Road HWRC will operate on Sunday opening hours (10am to 6:25pm), the other two HWRCs are open as normal. For the remaining festive period, it's business as usual at all sites.
- From January 1, 2016, people wishing to use our HWRCs will have to prove that they live in Cardiff. We will be asking for ID in the form of either a driver's licence, current Council Tax bill or utility bill from the last three months. Check our website for 2016 opening hours.

News in brief

Know the Score - Drink Less, Enjoy More

THE City of Cardiff Council is supporting South Wales Police in a campaign that urges people to enjoy a night out without having too much to drink.

"Know the score – drink less, enjoy more", reminds people of the consequences of drinking too much and also reminds bar staff and licensed premises that it is illegal to serve people who are drunk.

Many people are unaware that it is illegal to buy alcohol for a friend who is drunk, and that they could be fined up to £1,000.

As is the case every weekend and for other busy times of the year, police officers will be on patrol in the city centre during the festive season to help reduce alcohol-related crime. Officers will visit licensed premises to ensure the law and licensing conditions are being upheld.

Mansion House re-launch of dedicated volunteer charity

LLANISHEN Good Neighbours was re-launched with its new name as Good Neighbours in North Cardiff at the Mansion House recently, to reflect the group's expansion after successfully receiving funding from the Cardiff North Neighbourhood Partnership Fund.

Over 40 people attended the launch including the Lord Mayor, Councillor David Walker and the Lady Mayoress, and Council Leader, Phil Bale as well as representatives from various local banks, churches, surgeries, retirement apartments, Rotary, Age Connect and C3SC together with Good Neighbours' trustees, volunteers and some clients.

The event was a great success, enabling a wide range of people to interact and help Good Neighbours in North Cardiff to extend its profile within the local community.

Capital Sport...

Another event brought to you by City of Cardiff Council **www.cardiff.gov.uk** or call **C2C** on **2087 2087**

Rugby World Cup success for Cardiff

RUGBY World Cup 2015 proved a massive success for Cardiff with the capital being hailed as one of the best places to watch the action.

The city embraced Rugby World Cup fever with the spectacular Ball in the Wall at Cardiff Castle and the Official Fanzone proving to be huge hits with visitors and residents alike. Hundreds of thousands of rugby fans from across the globe travelled to the city for the eight tournament matches hosted in the Millennium Stadium.

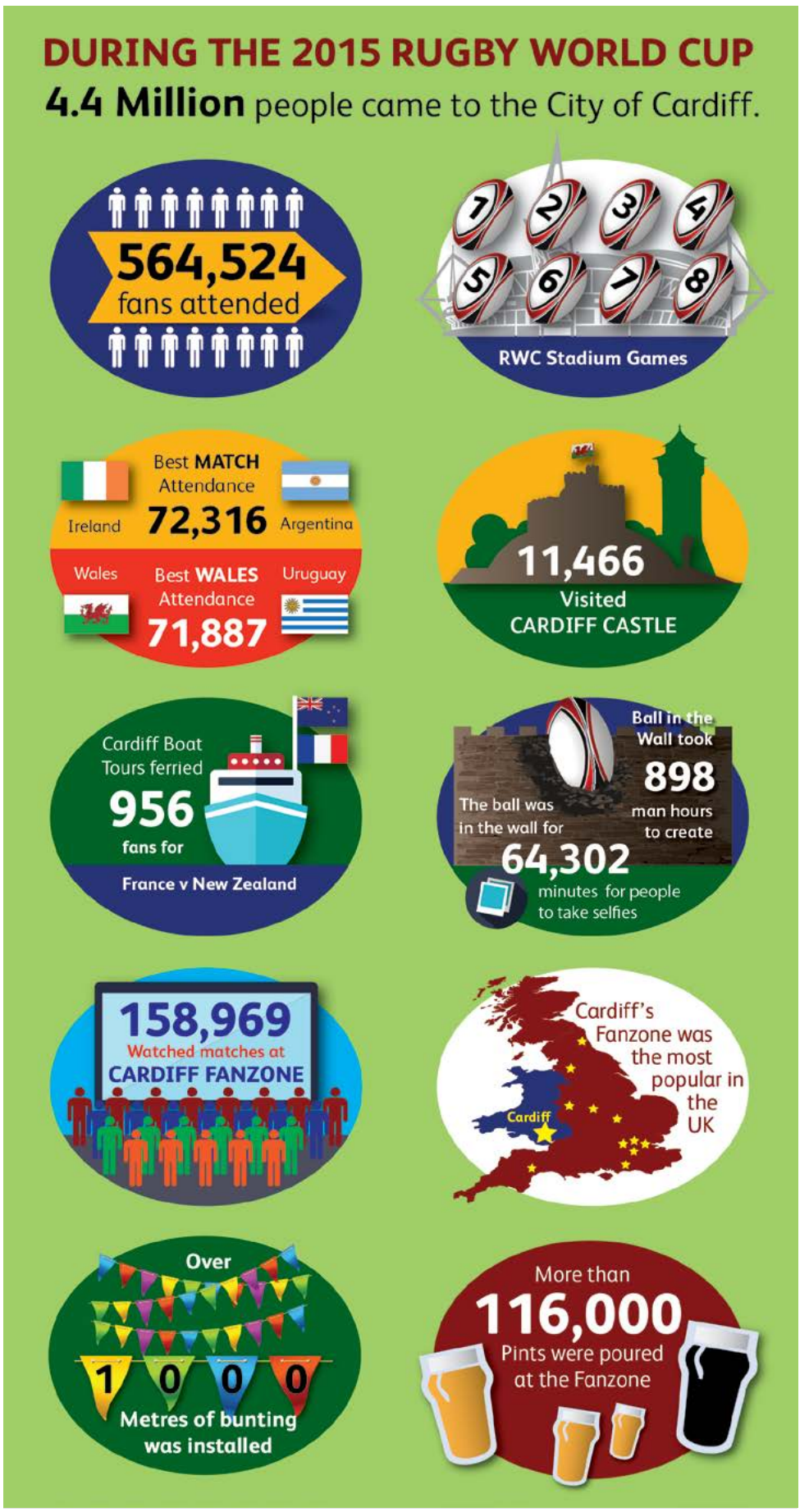
The Official Fanzone attracted an impressive 158,969 fans over eleven days to watch the games surpassing its 100,000 target and proving to be the tournament's most popular Fanzone site in the UK. Attractions such as Cardiff Castle also experienced an impressive increase in visitors with over 10,000 more people visiting the castle during the tournament compared with the same period last year.

Cabinet Member for Community Development, Co-operatives and Social Enterprise, Councillor Peter Bradbury, said: "The Rugby World Cup in Cardiff has been a big success – the figures speak for themselves with huge numbers flooding into the city which is great news.

"The Fanzone was the best place to watch the games outside of the Millennium Stadium as well as the opening ceremony and Wales' away fixtures.

"The 'Ball in the Wall' spectacle became a social media phenomenon, trending worldwide on Twitter and by popular demand, the ball remained in situ until the end of the tournament.

"Once again, Cardiff excelled itself, not only as an outstanding place to watch major sporting events but also a place for culture, shopping, food and drink."



CARDIFF CITY STADIUM

SkyBet Championship

Saturday, December 12, 3pm
Cardiff City v Sheffield Wednesday

Tuesday, December 15. 7.45pm
Cardiff City v Brentford

Tuesday, December 29, 7.45pm
Cardiff City v Nottingham Forest

Saturday, January 2, 3pm
Cardiff City v Blackburn

Saturday, January 23, 3pm
Cardiff City v Rotherham

CARDIFF ARMS PARK

Guinness Pro 12

Friday, December 4, 7.05pm
Cardiff Blues v Connacht Rugby

European Rugby Challenge Cup

Friday, December 11, 7.30pm
Cardiff Blues v Montpellier

Sunday, December 13, 3pm
Blues Premiership Select v Cornish Pirates

Guinness Pro 12

Friday, January 1, 5pm
Cardiff Blues v Scarlets

Saturday, January 9, 5.15pm
Cardiff Blues v Munster

Saturday, January 16, 2.30pm
Blues Premiership Select v London Welsh

European Rugby Challenge Cup

January 21/22/23 or 24
Cardiff Blues v Rugby Calvisano

Guinness Pro 12

January 29/30 or 31
Cardiff Blues v Edinburgh Rugby

Principality Premiership

Saturday, October 31, 2.30pm
Cardiff RFC v Newport

Saturday, November 7, 2.30pm
Cardiff RFC v Cross Keys

Premiership Challenge Cup

Saturday, November 21, 2.30pm
Cardiff RFC v Aberavon

Principality Premiership

Saturday, December 5, 2.30pm
Cardiff v Aberavon

Premiership Challenge Cup

Saturday, December 19, 2.30pm
Cardiff v Pontypridd

Principality Premiership

Saturday, January 2, 2.30pm
Cardiff v Llanelli

Premiership Challenge Cup

Saturday, January 23, 2.30pm
Cardiff v Bridgend Ravens

Principality Premiership

Saturday, January 30, 2.30pm
Cardiff v Neath

CARDIFF DEVILS – CARDIFF BAY ICE ARENA

Elite League

Sunday, December 13, 6pm
Cardiff Devils v Coventry Blaze

Sunday, December 20, 6pm
Cardiff Devils v Braehead Clan

Saturday, December 26, 7pm
Cardiff Devils v Coventry Blaze

Wednesday, December 30, 7.30pm
Cardiff Devils v Manchester Storm

Saturday, January 2, 7pm
Cardiff Devils v Dundee Stars

Saturday, January 9, 7pm
Cardiff Devils v Nottingham Panthers

Saturday, January 16, 7pm
Cardiff Devils v Belfast Giants

Sunday, January 17, 6pm
Cardiff Devils v Sheffield Steelers

Sunday, January 24, 6pm
Cardiff Devils v Fife Flyers

Sunday, January 31, 6pm
Cardiff Devils v Edinburgh Capitals

For other sporting fixtures taking place across the city this month please visit www.sport-cardiff.com

Please note fixtures can be subject to change

Capital Education...

School catering team serves up Senedd success

JAMES Roedemer and Samantha Fenn from the council's schools catering team cooked up a feast in the Senedd earlier this month as part of the National School Meals Week celebrations.

James, Sam and the team produced an exciting menu of mains and desserts picked from the council's regular primary and secondary schools menus. Cardiff's lunchtime offerings reflect the ethnicity of the city and, as the capital, some traditional Welsh favourites.

A number of council chefs - including Development and Training chef, James, and Fitzalan High School Catering Manager, Sam - along with support staff were on hand to produce the food in the Senedd on the day.

Commenting on the big part the Cardiff team played at the event, Cabinet Member for Education, Councillor Sarah Merry, said: "Our school catering staff do an excellent job and their great work has been recognised with industry awards over many years. Having the prestigious task of designing the menu for the Senedd event shows how highly the industry regards the council's catering team.

"The nutrition of the city's children and young people is extremely important in support of their overall health and wellbeing. Our school meals are designed to support this and recognition of their high standard is well deserved."

The Senedd event, organised by industry body the Lead Association for Catering in Education (LACA), celebrated all that is great about school meals and highlighted the work of catering staff from across Wales.

More information on the meals on offer in Cardiff's primary and secondary schools can be found online at www.cardiff.gov.uk/schoolcatering

Is it time to apply for your child's primary school place?

If your child turns 5 next school year, you will need to apply for a primary school place for September 2016

Closing dates for applications:

Primary Education
MONDAY
11 JANUARY 2016

Apply online at:
www.cardiff.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Email: admissions@cardiff.gov.uk

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It's the most wonderful time of the year! Oh yes it is!

CHRISTMAS just wouldn't be Christmas without the sparkle and razzmatazz of the New Theatre pantomime.

This year's production brings the story of Aladdin to the stage and promises spectacular sets, dazzling costumes, plenty of belly-laughs and a flying carpet.

Last year's New Theatre panto was the most successful of all time so theatre-goers will be thrilled to see most of the all-star cast reunited on the stage once again.

Welsh rugby hero Gareth 'Alfie' Thomas is the Genie of the Lamp, Linda Lusardi plays the Spirit of the Genie, panto veteran Sam Kane takes on the role of the ultimate panto baddie, Benazir, and Ian 'H' Watkins takes on the role of Aladdin.

Also joining the panto family is Welsh singer, 'The Baritone' - Mark Llewelyn Evans who plays The Emperor while last year's Cinderella, Holly Bluett returns as Princess Jasmine, Mike Doyle is Widow Twankey and comedian and funny man Andy Jones is Wishee Washee.

The panto opens on Saturday, December 12 and runs until Sunday, January 17.

Capital Times is offering two lucky families the chance to win tickets (one family ticket = 2 adults, 2 children) to the Tuesday, December 15 performance of Aladdin at 7pm.

Just answer this question: **Who plays the title role in this year's New Theatre pantomime?**

Send your answer with your name, address and contact telephone number to capitaltimes@cardiff.gov.uk or

Capital Times Panto comp, Room 509, County Hall, Atlantic Wharf, Cardiff CF10 4UW.

The deadline for entries is Thursday, December 10. The winner will be contacted no later than Friday, December 11. Tickets can be collected from the New Theatre Box Office prior to the performance.

For more information about Aladdin, visit www.newtheatrecardiff.co.uk or contact the Box Office on 029 2087 8889.

PRIMARY SCHOOL MENU ★ 30 NOV - 18 DEC 2015

www.cardiff.gov.uk/schoolcatering
@Cardiffschmeals

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	**NOVEMBER 30** Homemade Beef Burritos or Chicken/Veggie Balls in Tomato Sauce (V) Rice or Pasta Mixed Vegetables Salad Chocolate Brownie	**DECEMBER 01** Low Fat Pork Sausage Quorn Sausages (V) Mashed Potato Potato Wedges Gravy Peas Rice Pudding with Mixed Berries	**DECEMBER 02** Homemade Chicken Balti or Vegetable Balti (V). Baked Salmon Fish Fingers Rice Chipped Potatoes Banana & Raisin Muffins	**DECEMBER 03** Roast Beef Quorn Fillet (V) Yorkshire Pudding Gravy Mashed/New Potatoes Carrots/Broccoli Flapjack	**DECEMBER 04** Battered Pollock Fillet Baked Salmon Fish Fingers Country Vegetable Bake (V) Chipped Potato New Potato Peas Apple & Blackberry Crumble with Custard
WEEK 2	**DECEMBER 07** Prime Beef Burger Quorn Burger (V) Lettuce Cheese Potato Wedges Coleslaw Baked Beans Mixed Salad Raspberry Muffin	**DECEMBER 08** Chicken & Pepperoni Pasta Bake or Scrambled Eggs & Cheesy Beans on Toast Garlic Bread Broccoli Salad Pear & Chocolate Sponge With Custard	**DECEMBER 09** Homemade Chicken Tikka or Vegetable Tikka (V). Battered Pollock Fillets Rice ½ Jacket/Bombay Potato Sweetcorn American Pancakes with Peaches and Ice Cream	**DECEMBER 10** Roast Pork or Low Fat Pork Sausage Vegetable Sausage (V) Sage & Onion Stuffing Gravy Mashed/New Potatoes Carrots/Peas Chocolate Corn Flake Crisp	**DECEMBER 11** Baked Salmon Fish Fingers Macaroni Cheese (V) Chipped Potato Peas Salad Eves Pudding with Custard
WEEK 3	**DECEMBER 14** Assorted Pizza – Choice of Pepperoni, Cheese (V), Tuna & Sweetcorn. Potato Wedges Sweetcorn Baked Beans Salad Chocolate Muffin	**DECEMBER 15** Pasta Bolognese or Pasta Neapolitan (V). Garlic bread Mixed Vegetables Salad Apple and Cinnamon Crumble with Custard	**DECEMBER 16** Homemade Chicken Korma or Vegetable Korma (V). Battered Pollock Fillets Rice ½ Jacket/Bombay Potato Broccoli Fruity Oat Cookie	**DECEMBER 17** Roast Turkey Breast or Low Fat Pork Sausage Vegetable Sausage (V) Gravy Sage & Onion Stuffing Roast Potatoes/New Potatoes Carrots/Cabbage Raspberry Ripple Ice Cream Roll with Mandarin Oranges	**DECEMBER 18** Fish Fingers Root Vegetable Gratin (V). Chipped Potatoes Peas Beans Coconut Sponge with Jam and Custard

A BIG THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT AND LOYALTY.

WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND WE WILL SEE YOU IN THE NEW YEAR.

- **V indicates Vegetarian Option**
- **Selection of Fresh Fruit & Low Fat Yogurt available daily**
- **Salad, Jacket Potato & Choice of filling, Sandwiches or baguettes available daily**
- **Free bread available daily**
- **We source high quality sustainable products where possible**

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Capital Events...

Another event brought to you by City of Cardiff Council **www.cardiff.gov.uk** or call **C2C** on **2087 2087**

New Theatre
Tel: 2087 8889
www.newtheatrecardiff.co.uk

See website for performance times and further details.

The Shawshank Redemption
Monday, November 23 - Saturday November 28

Miracle on 34th Street
Tuesday, December 1 – Saturday, December 5

Aladdin
Saturday, December 12 – Sunday, January 17

Avenue Q
Monday, January 25 – Saturday, January 30

St David's Hall
Tel: 2087 8444
www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk

See website for performance times and further details.

Jimmy Carr
Tuesday, November 24, 8pm

The Waterboys
Wednesday, November 25, 7.30pm

Sinatra Centenary
Thursday, November 26, 7.30pm

Sweet Liberties
Friday, November 27, 8pm

Dave Gorman
Saturday, November 28, 8pm

Cardiff University Symphony Chorus and Orchestra
Sunday, November 29, 3pm

That'll Be The Day
Monday, November 30, 7.30pm

Cardiff Metropolitan Cathedral Choir
Tuesday, December 1, 1pm

An Evening Shared with Jasper Carrott & Alistair McGowan
Tuesday, December 1, 7.30pm

Royal Northern Sinfonia
Wednesday, December 2, 7.30pm

ICS Extras Post Concert '30 Minutes'
Wednesday, December 2, 9.30pm

The Bootleg Beatles
Thursday, December 3, 8pm

CPO A Night at the Movies
Friday, December 4, 7.30pm

The Promise of Christmas
Saturday, December 5, 3pm & 7.30pm

City Voices Cardiff - Rejoice and Be Merry
Sunday, December 6, 4pm

Messiah
Tuesday, December 8, 7.30pm

CCVG Music Service Christmas Showcase
Wednesday, December 9, 7pm

CLIC / Sargent Christmas Concert
Thursday, December 10, 7.30pm

Only Men Aloud
Saturday, December 12, 7.30pm

BBC Wales - Carols for Christmas
Sunday, December 13, 3pm

Gareth Malone
Monday. December 14, 7.30pm

Snow Maiden
December 19 – 21

The Nutcracker
December 22-24, 27-28

Swan Lake
December 29-31, January 2-3

Snooker Legends
Friday, January 8, 7pm

The African Children's Choir
Thursday, January 14, 7.30pm

Mozart Requiem
Friday, January 22, 7.30pm

Johnny Cash Roadshow
Saturday, January 23

Alexander Armstrong - A Year of Songs LIVE
Wednesday, January 27, 7.30pm

Ed Byrne
Saturday, January 30, 8pm

Cardiff Castle
Tel: 2087 8100
www. cardiffcastle.com

Santa's Grotto
December 5/6, 12/13, 19 -23
English language sessions SOLD OUT. Some availability for Welsh language sessions with Siôn Corn. Book online www.castell-caerdydd.com

Christmas Wreath-Making and Table Decorations

Sunday, December 6
Create your own Christmas masterpiece in the atmospheric setting of the Undercroft. Foliage and decorations will be supplied along with expert advice.

12.30pm: Wreath-making

3pm: Table decorations
Tickets: £25 per wreath or £17.50 per table decoration including coffee and mince pie. Additional guests £7.50
Book online on www.cardiffcastle.com

Welsh Whisky –Tasting Night
Tuesday, December 8, 6pm
Join us for a guided tour of the Castle followed by a talk and whisky-tasting with Penderyn Distillery. Tickets: £25 per person including a gift bag. Over 18s only.
Book online on www.cardiffcastle.com

Cardiff Story Museum
Tel: 029 2078 8334
www.cardiffstory.com

Remembering the First World War in Cardiff
Three exhibitions at three locations. The Senedd, The Pierhead and Cardiff Story Museum
Running until Feb 20, 2016. Free entry.

Parks during the Great War
A talk on the role Cardiff parks played in the Great War.
Thurs Jan 28, 6pm. Tickets on the door £5

Reminiscence Monthly
An opportunity to discuss old memories of Cardiff
Wed, Dec 2 & Jan 6, 11am – 12pm.
Free entry.

Dinky Dragons
Monthly family fun day for babies and toddlers
Fri, Dec 11 & Fri, Jan 8, 10am – 3pm.
Free entry

Christmas Family Craft Day
Sat Dec 12, 10am – 3pm. Free entry.

Libraries
Tel: 2038 2116
www.cardiff.gov.uk/libraryevents

There are lots of activities happening in libraries across Cardiff from children's activities to live music. For details visit www.cardiff.gov.uk/libraryevents or contact your local branch.

Norwegian Church Art Centre
Tel: 2087 7959
norwegianchurchcardiff.com

Keith James concert
Wednesday, November 25, 8pm

Octave at Christmas
November 26&27, 7.30pm

Boutique Gift Market
Dec 5&6, 10.30am – 5pm

A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens
Thursday, December 10, 7.30pm

City Sirens Christmas Concert
Friday, December 11, 7.30pm

Music for Inner Peace concert
Sunday, December 13, 4.30pm

Carols by candlelight
Thursday, December 17, 7pm

Yoga
Mondays 12.30pm - 1.15pm, £6
Tuesdays 6pm – 7pm
For details contact: Sharon Davies 07504 475394 / daviesyoga@yahoo.co.uk

Flat Holm
Tel : 02920 877912
www.flatholmisland.com

Flat Holm boasts a sense of wilderness and tranquility, and is the perfect family getaway. With a wealth of history and wildlife, you'll be amazed at how much there is to discover. For further details: www.flatholmisland.com / 029 2087 7912.

Sailing trips

Cardiff Sea Safaris
029 2048 7663 / www.cardiffseasafaris.co.uk
Sunday 6 December 2015, 12pm
Sunday 17 January 2016, 9am

MW Marine
01934 636734 / www.mwmarine.org
Saturday 12 December 2015, 11.15am
Saturday 9 January 2016, 9.45am
Saturday 23 January 2016, 9.45am

Parks
Tel: 02922 330235
www.cardiff.gov.uk/parks

For a full list of events, visit www.cardiff.gov.uk/parks click on 'Things to do in our parks' and download the 'Guided walks and events programme'.

Bird Walk around Roath Park Lake
December 6, 10am- 12pm
Please bring binoculars if you have them. Meet by the lighthouse on Roath Park Promenade, Lake Road West.

Christmas Memorial Service at Thornhill Crematorium
December 6, 2pm
All are welcome.

Carols at Grange Gardens
December 8, 6.30pm

Carols at Victoria Park
December 9, 6.30pm

Carols at Roath Pleasure Gardens
December 10, 6.30pm

Yuletide log and wreath-making
Victoria Park - December 12, 10.30am – 3.30pm (last entry 2.30pm)
Roath Pleasure Gardens - December 13, 10.30am – 3.30pm (last entry 2.30pm)

Forest Farm Wildlife Watch
January 23, 10am.

Wales Millennium Centre
Tel: 029 2063 6464
www.wmc.org.uk

For full listing information visit wmc.org.uk / 029 2063 6464

Sweeney Todd
November 24 – November 29

¡Fiesta Sinfónica!
Friday, November 27

Mack & Mabel
December 1 – 6

The Silent Toy Soldier
December 3 - 5

Shrek The Musical
December 8 – January 10

Welsh National Opera: A Christmas Carol
December 18 - 20

Priscilla Queen of the Desert The Musical
Jan 12- 16.

City & Bay Events
Email: events@cardiff.gov.uk
Tel: 2087 2087

Cardiff's WalesOnline Winter Wonderland
November 13 – January 3
The highlight of Christmas in the city has to be Cardiff's WalesOnline Winter Wonderland. This festive treat is set on City Hall Lawn with a backdrop of Cardiff's iconic Civic Centre.

Santa's Grotto on Queen Street
November 13 – December 24
No Christmas shopping trip would be complete without a visit to Santa so visit him in his spectacular log cabin on Queen Street and listen to Rudolph sing!

New Year's Eve Party at Cardiff's WalesOnline Winter Wonderland
December 31
Celebrate the magic of Cardiff's WalesOnline Winter Wonderland by skating in the New Year

Cardiff International White Water
029 2082 9970 / www.ciww.com

New Year's Day
Celebrate 1st January 2016 and book a day out with family and friends! Open 10am to 4pm with special New Year's Day discounts:
- Family Rafting – £20 per person
- Full Speed Rafting – £40 per person
- Indoor Surfing – £20 per child & £25 per adult
- Air Trail – £8 per person

Cardiff Bay Water Activity Centre
www.cbwac.com / 029 2087 7977 / 029 2035 3912

Cardiff Astronomical Society
Meet Thursday evenings. Contact Dave Powell, Secretary Secretary@cardiff-astronomical-society.co.uk

Cardiff Bonsai Club
Meet monthly on the third Tuesday, 7.30pm at The Scout Hall, Lake Road North, CF23 5QN.
www.cardiffbonsai.org.uk

Cardiff CTC (Cycling club)
If you would like to cycle in and around the area, Cardiff CTC welcomes you to join our half-day and full-day Saturday and Sunday rides. We ride at a steady-to-leisurely pace and always keep together as a group. We normally take in a café or pub stop for elevenses and/or lunch. For further details please see our website http://cardiffctc.com/

Cardiff & District Rhondda Society
Meet monthly on the third Wednesday during term time, 10.30am
Room 8, Ararat Church, Whitchurch. For details: 029 20883722

Cardiff Farmer's Markets
Rhiwbina, Butcher's Arms-Every Friday 10am-1pm. Roath, Mackintosh Sports Club-Every Saturday 9.30am-1pm. Riverside, Fitzhamon Embankment-Every Sunday 10am-2pm. St. Mary Street every Saturday 11am-5pm. www.riversidemarket.org.uk

Cardiff Naturalists' Society
A series of talks and field trips covering all aspects of wildlife. For details: www.cardiffnaturalists.org.uk

Cardiff Philatelic Society
Stamps, postcards or postal history group. Meet alternate Tuesdays, 7.30pm at Llanishen Baptist Church, Fidlas Road, Llanishen, CF14 5LZ. For more information contact secretary Graham Bean on 029 2065 7941 or emailgbean@dsl.pipex.com

Cardiff Royal Naval Association
Meet monthly on the first Monday at 7.30pm at the United Services Mess, Wharton Street.
Meet every other Wednesday at 12.30pm in the City Arms pub. Former and serving members of The Royal Navy and Royal Marines welcome.
For details e-mail: ransfordtrogers@gmail.com

Cardiff U3A - Group for the retired/ semi-retired
For details: www.cardiffu3a.org.uk/ / 07926 533693.

Chapter Arts Centre
For information: www.chapter.org / 02920 304400 / enquiry@chapter.org

Conway 50+ Group
Conway Methodist Hall, Romilly Crescent, Riverside
Meet Wednesday mornings at 10.15am for an illustrated talk/speaker. Entry £2 includes refreshments.
We also offer a computer/internet tuition session for total beginners from 9.45-10.30am
For details: 029 2034 1768 / iona.gordon@cardiff.gov.uk

Four Seasons
An over 60's social group for widows and widowers. Meet Tuesdays at 12.30pm. Location changes weekly, for details contact 02920 483321.

Golden-Oldies Singing Group
For details contact: Rachel Parry rachel@goldiescymru.org.uk / 07796714816 www.goldiescymru.org.uk

Monday Club
If you are age 50 plus and would like to make new friends come along to the weekly club at Home Guard Club, Ely at 1.30pm. Complimentary refreshments are also available.

National Museum Cardiff
For listings: www.museumwales.ac.uk / 0300 1112333.

Rhiwbina Bridge Club
Memorial Hall, Lon-y-Dail, Rhiwbina. Meet Saturdays 6.50pm. For details: 02921 157435.

Rhiwbina Floral Society
Meet every first and third Tuesday of the month at Rhiwbina Memorial Hall, Lon Ucha, CF14 6HL. For details: www.rhiwbinafloralsociety.org.uk

Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama
For information: www.rwcmd.ac.uk / Box office: 029 2039 1391 / boxoffice@rwcmd.ac.uk
Sherman Theatre
For listings: www.shermancymru.co.uk / 029 2064 6900.

Social Bridge Club
St Fagans Village Hall. Meet Wednesdays at 7pm. Brian@agrisgj.com / 02920 565445 / 02920 670401

St Fagans National History Museum
For listings: www.museumwales.ac.uk / 0300 1112333.
St. Margaret's Church Christmas Fayre Saturday, November 21, 10am – 12.30pm Roath Church House, Waterloo Road, Roath. Christmas gifts, toys, jewellery, cakes, jams, chutneys, books, bottles, bric-a-brac, DVDs, CDs, games, tombola, plants, handbags, scarves and toiletries. Tea/coffee will also be available. Entrance 30p—children free.

Table tennis for all
Meet Friday's at The Cardiff Community Table Tennis Club, Upper Hall of Wales Sport, Sophia Gardens 7pm-9pm. £3/£2 juniors. Roy Gibson: 01446 412352.

Tai Chi
Beginners class Fridays 10.30am-12.30pm at St Faith's Church Hall
Morris Ave, Llanishen. For details call Maggie 01633 668 119 / www.taoist.org.uk

The Gate Arts and Community Centre
For performance information visit www.thegate.org.uk or call 029 2048 3344.

The Merchant Navy Association (Wales)
Meet monthly on the second Wednesday, 2.30pm at the Canton Liberal Club, Cowbridge Road East. 01443 815013/ byron@blackranger.plus.com

The Royal Welsh Regimental Comrades Association City of Cardiff Branch
Former and serving members of the Royal Welsh, Welch Regiment, South Wales Borderers, Royal Welch Fusiliers, Royal Regiment of Wales and any affiliated territorial and regular battalions are welcome. Meet at the Officers' Mess at Maindy Barracks on the third Friday each month at 7.30pm. For details: 02920 618115 / 02920 549577.

Welsh widows and widowers group
Meet Wednesdays and Saturdays.
Tel: 07749 542858, e-mail: friends@welshwidows.co.uk, web: www.welshwidows.co.uk

YOUR WARD SURGERIES

ADAMSDOWN

Manzoor Ahmed
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Surgeries:
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Surgeries:
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BUTETOWN

Ali Ahmed
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Surgeries:
Every 2nd and 4th Saturday (except Boxing Day) of every month. 12.00noon – 1.00pm at County Hall, Atlantic Wharf (in the office to the left of reception). Saturday street surgeries – 12.15pm – 1.15pm. For more details, contact 07968 165138.

To book an appointment or arrange a house call, please phone or email Councillor Ahmed.

CAERAU

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Surgeries:
12th Dec, (PB), 9th Jan (PB), 23rd Jan (ES),6th Feb (PB) 10am to 11.30am at Western Leisure Centre, Caerau Lane. Please contact 07973 179577 (PB) or 07757 082 410 (ES) for a visit.

To book an appointment or arrange a house call, please phone or email Councillor Bradbury or Councillor Simmons.

CANTON

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rapatel@cardiff.gov.uk

Richard Cook
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riCook@cardiff.gov.uk

Surgeries:
Every Saturday (except Boxing Day) 10am - 11am. Canton Library, Library Street, Canton, CF5 1QD. No appointment necessary.

CATHAYS

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Surgeries:
First Saturday of every month. 11am – 12noon at Cathays Library, Fairoak Road.

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Surgeries:
1st Saturday of the month. 11am – 12noon at Cathays Community Centre, Cathays Terrace. All other Saturdays 11am – 12noon at Cathays Library, Fairoak Road.

CREIGIAU & ST FAGANS

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CYNCOED

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Surgeries:
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No appointment is necessary

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Surgeries:
Saturday, December 12; January 9 &23
10am, Ely Day Centre, Grand Avenue

FAIRWATER

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Neil McEvoy
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Surgeries:
Every Saturday (except Boxing Day)11am – 12noon at Fairwater Library. Every Wednesday 12noon to 1pm at Pentrebane Community Centre.

For more details contact Councillor Ford and Councillor McEvoy.

Paul Mitchell
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Surgeries:
1st and 3rd Saturday, 11am - 1pm - street surgeries at various locations. 2nd and 4th Saturday (except Boxing Day) 2pm – 3.30pm – fixed surgeries at Fairwater Library.

Contact Councillor Paul Mitchell to make appointments or arrange home visits.

GABALFA

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Surgeries:
First Thursday of the month. 6-7pm - Please check the @TeamGabalfa Twitter account for locations.

Gareth Holden
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Twitter @holden_gareth

Surgeries:
From January, 1st Tuesday of every month, 5pm- 5.30pm, Aegean Restaurant, Whitchurch Rd.

To request a personal visit please phone or email Councillor Holden.

GRANGETOWN

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Surgeries:
First Saturday of the month 10.30am to 12 noon at the Buzz, Penarth Road.
First Wednesday of the month from 6pm at Channel View Flats Community Room.
First Friday of every month at Clare Road Islamic Centre from 2pm – 3.30pm.

HEATH

Fenella Bowden
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Surgeries:
1st Saturday of the month, 10am - 11am at Birchgrove School; and as advertised within the ward.

Lyn Hudson
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Surgeries:
1st Wednesday of every month (except August) 5.30pm – 6.30pm, the Birchgrove Pub or please ring for an appointment.

Graham Hinchey
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Surgeries:
To get in touch or to request a personal visit please call or e-mail Councillor Hinchey.

LISVANE

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Surgeries:
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LLANDAFF

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Surgeries:
2nd Saturday of every month 12.30pm - 1.30pm, at Llandaff Parish Hall.

4th Saturday (except Boxing Day) of every month, 12pm - 1pm at St Johns Hall, Danescourt.

LLANDAFF NORTH

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Surgeries:
2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month (except August) - 5.30pm - 6.30pm. Llandaff North Library, Gabalfa Avenue, Llandaff North

1st & 3rd Saturday of each month (except August) - 9.00am – 10.00am. Llandaff North Library, Gabalfa Avenue, Llandaff North

LLANISHEN

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Surgeries:
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Surgeries:
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Surgeries:
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Surgeries:
Alternate Fridays (School term times only) 11.30am – 12.30pm at the Powerhouse, Llanedeyrn or 11.30am – 12.30pm at Pentwyn Leisure Centre. No appointment necessary.

PENTYRCH

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Surgeries:
Please contact Cllr Hill-John for an appointment. Surgeries restart in February.

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Surgeries:
Friday, December 18 and January 15, 6-7pm in the Foyer, Marlborough Primary School, Blenheim Rd.

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Surgeries:
Every Saturday morning 10am – 11am (except August and Boxing Day) - Penylan Library and Community Centre, Ninian Road.

PONTPRENNAU & OLD ST MELLONS

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Surgeries:
1st Saturday of every month (except August) 9.30am-10.30am – Caer Salem Baptist Chapel, Tyr Winch Road.
1st Monday of every month (except for Bank Holidays and August) 6pm – 7pm – Pontprennau Church Centre, Heol Pontprennau

Georgina Phillips
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Surgeries:
1st Saturday of every month, 9.30am - 10.30am at Pontprennau Church Centre, Heol Pontprennau. 1st Saturday of every month. 11am – 12noon in the hall at the rear of Caersalem Baptist Church, Mill Lane, Old St. Mellons.

RADYR & MORGANSTOWN

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Surgeries:
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Surgeries:
Prior to PACT meeting at All Saints Church, Heol Y Felin, Tuesday, December 15, 5.30pm – 6.30pm.
Coffee morning and ward surgery at Olive Branch, Heol Y Deri, Monday, January 18, 11am – 12noon.

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Surgeries:
Saturday mornings 10.30 – 11.30 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturday - Riverside Community Centre, Brunel St, off Ninian Park Road. 2nd and 4th Saturdays (except boxing day) of the month in Canton Library, opposite Iceland, Cowbridge Rd East.
No appointment necessary.

RUMNEY

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Surgeries:
Thursday, December 17 and Thursday, January 21, 6.30- 7.30pm at Rumney Partnership Hub, Llanstephan Road.

Jacqueline Parry
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Surgeries:
First Monday every month, 10.30 – 11.30am at Rumney Partnership Hub, Llanstephan Road.

Councillor Parry is available to visit residents on request.

SPLOTT

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Surgeries:
First Saturday of month (except January). 10am at STAR Centre. Second Wednesday of month. 6pm at Moorland Community Centre. Third Saturday of month (except August). 10am at STAR Centre. Last Saturday of month (except Boxing Day). 10am. Street surgery in Splott, Tremorfa, Pengam Green

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Surgeries:
Councillors Ralph Cook and Monica Walsh would be pleased to see you on 1st Saturday of every month (excluding August & January) at 10 am at St Mellons Library, Crickhowell Road, St Mellons.

Michael Michael
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Surgeries:
Councillor Michael Michael would be pleased to see you on the 1st Wednesday of every month (excluding August & January), 9am-10am at Trowbridge Community Centre, Caernarvon Way, Rumney.

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Surgeries:
First Saturday of the month, 11am to 12noon in Whitchurch Library. Second Saturday of the month, 11am to 12noon in Whitchurch Community Centre. Third Saturday of the month, 11am to 12noon in Ararat Baptist Church, Whitchurch. Fourth Saturday of the month (except Boxing Day), 11am to 12noon in Bethesda United Reformed Church, Tongwynlais.

Councillors are also available by phone. Call Members Services on 2087 2020 or visit www.cardiff.gov.uk/councillors for details. Surgeries are not held on Bank Holidays.

Keep Cardiff moving through the winter

Cardiff Council has plans in place to ensure the city is kept moving during the winter period as well as tips on how you can look after yourself and your family during periods of bad weather.

At the start of the season, the Council will have over the recommended amount of salt stock available. This is more than the Welsh Local Government Association recommendation that Councils should hold one and a half times the average amount of salt used annually during the last six years.

Which roads are salted?

With approximately 600 miles of roads across Cardiff, it is not possible for all roads to be treated with salt when ice or snow is forecast, so following consultation with transport providers, the police and emergency services, the Council has identified a priority network of routes that will be pre-salted when freezing conditions are forecast.

This network comprises all principal roads, the majority of B roads, some C roads, and other non-classified roads. Cycle routes will only be treated where they form part of the carriageway which is on a designated salting route.
A list of roads that will be pre-salted can be found on the Council's website: www.cardiff.gov.uk/winterweather

Are any footpaths salted?

A limited network of footways will be salted when ice or snow is forecast. A priority list of footways has been developed and the highest priority, which is based on footfall, are the main pedestrianised areas in the city centre. These will be pre-treated when local surface temperatures are forecast to fall below zero.

Further details on footway salting can be found on the Council's website: www.cardiff.gov.uk/winterweather

How is salting done?

Resources are on stand-by 24 hours a day during the winter period (between November and March inclusive) to ensure that salting can be undertaken promptly once it is needed. The Council uses a brand new fleet of 9 vehicles to spread salt on the roads following prescribed routes. The vehicles are also fitted with ploughs to help with clearing snow from roads if needed.

What is done to minimise the impact of salt upon the environment?

The salting of roads is essential to keep Cardiff moving, when snow, ice or frost is forecast. However, the Council also recognises that salt may have an adverse impact upon the environment if not properly managed.

The Council aims to ensure all salt is accurately spread at the appropriate rates to address the forecast weather conditions. The new fleet of gritting vehicles are calibrated to ensure maximum efficiency of salt spread.

How will the Council clear snow from the highway?

The time taken to return roads to a serviceable condition will be highly dependent upon a number of factors including the amount of snow, type of snow, and continuing weather conditions, in particular temperatures and further snowfall.

The Council's priority will be principal roads and once these have been cleared, the remainder of the pre-salted network will be tackled.

Several cycle routes will be treated where they form part of the carriageway which is part of a designated salting route. It is important that all road users take extra care at times when winter weather conditions are being experienced.

A limited network of footways will be treated when snow has fallen. A priority list of footways has been developed and the highest priority, which is based on footfall, is the main pedestrianised area within the city centre and district shopping centres. Further details on footway salting can be found on the Council's website: www.cardiff.gov.uk/winterweather

During periods of disruption caused by snow, the Council will ensure extra in-house resources to help with the winter maintenance work required to return its highway network to a serviceable state as soon as possible are in place. Additional external resources will also be deployed if and as necessary.

Does the Council have a policy for providing salt bins?

There are currently more than 400 salt containers located across Cardiff and the locations can be found on the Council's website www.cardiff.gov.uk/winterweather

Each container is checked and refilled prior to the start of the winter season. Any that are found to be damaged are replaced as necessary.
These salt containers are provided for use by members of the public and also the emergency services on the adopted highway, but not on private driveways, footways and the like.

It is important to note that the Council cannot provide a container if it does not meet the agreed criteria. When a request for a salt container is received, the location will be assessed in line with these criteria. The Council has prepared guidance for the use of salt from salt containers. This can be found on the Council's website www.cardiff.gov.uk/winterweather

It should be noted that salt containers may be removed following repeated reports of damage or vandalism. Containers are inspected and refilled if needed after periods of prolonged frost or snow, or on request.

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The snow code - tips on clearing snow and ice from pavements or public spaces

The Government has prepared a 'Snow Code' which provides advice on the clearance of snow and ice from pavements.

There's no law stopping you from clearing snow and ice on the pavement outside your home or from public spaces. It's unlikely you'll be sued or held legally responsible for any injuries on the path if you have cleared it carefully. Follow the snow code when clearing snow and ice safely.

CLEAR THE SNOW OR ICE EARLY IN THE DAY

It's easier to move fresh, loose snow rather than hard snow that has been compacted from people walking on it. So if possible, start removing the snow and ice in the morning. If you remove the top layer of snow in the morning, any sunshine during the day will help melt any ice beneath. You can then cover the path with salt before nightfall to stop it refreezing overnight.

PREVENT SLIPS

Pay extra attention to clear snow and ice from steps and steep pathways - you might need to use more salt on these areas.

If you clear snow and ice yourself, be careful - don't make the pathways more dangerous by causing them to refreeze. But don't be put off clearing paths because you're afraid someone will get injured.

Remember people walking on snow and ice have a responsibility to be careful themselves. Follow the advice below to make sure you clear the pathway safely and effectively.

USE SALT OR SAND - NOT WATER

If you use water to melt the snow, it may refreeze and turn to black ice.

Black ice increases the risk of injuries as it is invisible and very slippery. You can prevent black ice by spreading some salt on the area you have cleared. You can use ordinary table or dishwasher salt - a tablespoon for each square metre you clear should work. Don't use the salt found in salting bins - this will be needed to keep the roads clear.

Be careful not to spread salt on plants or grass as it may cause them damage. If you don't have enough salt, you can also use sand or ash. These won't stop the path icing over as well as salt, but will provide good grip under foot.

TAKE CARE WHERE YOU MOVE THE SNOW

When you're shovelling snow, take care where you put it so it doesn't block people's paths or drains. Make sure you make a path down the middle of the area to be cleared first, so you have a clear surface to walk on. Then shovel the snow from the centre of the path to the sides.

OFFER TO CLEAR YOUR NEIGHBOURS' PATHS

If your neighbour will have difficulty getting in and out of their home, offer to clear snow and ice around their property as well. Check that any elderly or disabled neighbours are alright in the cold weather. If you're worried about them, contact your local council.

Snow Event Information and Tips - There are many small steps you can take to prepare for a snow event and keep yourself informed when snow does come…

1) First of all know it is coming – Ensure you keep a close eye on weather forecasts on television, listen to local radio or go to the met office website for local forecasts and weather warnings.

2) If you intend travelling in snow conditions, ask yourself:

- Is your journey essential?
- Have you checked the weather forecast and road conditions and carefully considered the advice given?
- Does anyone know where you are going and when you hope to arrive?
- Would taking warm clothing, hot drinks, food, Wellingtons, a torch and shovel be a wise precaution?
- Are you travelling appropriately for the road conditions?
- Are you using dipped headlights in poor visibility and snow?
- Are you driving in the highest gear possible and avoiding harsh braking and acceleration?
- Are you maintaining a safe stopping distance?
- Are you keeping a careful watch on all other road users?

3) Listen in to local radio or consult the Cardiff Council website to find out if your child's school is open or closed. Or visit www.cardiff.gov.uk/ismyschoolopen

4) Does your area have a community plan to deal with emergencies?

- Is there a community group that can assist during severe weather?
- For information on community planning go to the Cardiff Council website and click on Emergency Management.

5) Check on those in your family and community who are vulnerable during snow and cold weather.

6) Ensure you are prepared for dealing with any snow. The Council is able to provide at cost a number of items of equipment to assist citizens and businesses dealing with snow. These items are as follows:

- Pedestrian gritter (collect) £1,200
- Salt container empty green 200kg (collect) £175
- Salt container green 200kg (filled red salt & delivered) £285
- Refill container 200kg (delivered) £100
- Salt container empty green 400kg (collect) £180
- Salt container green 400kg (filled red salt & delivered) £300
- Refill installed container 400kg (delivered) £120
- Digga 2 piece lightweight shovel (collect) £30
- 20kg bag rocksalt (collect) £12
- 1 tonne of rocksalt red loose (loaded onto customers flatbed) £120

If you would like to purchase any items of equipment please send your request in writing, including a telephone number or email for contact, to
Cardiff Council
Highway Operations
Room 301
County Hall
Cardiff Council
CF10 4UW

Or email your request to c2c@cardiff.gov.uk

Useful Contact Details

We will keep our website up to date with the latest service information during severe weather so please visit www.cardiff.gov.uk/winterweather

Follow us on Twitter for service updates @cardiffcouncil

Call Connect to Cardiff (C2C) on 029 2087 2087,
opening hours Mon to Fri 08:30-18:00, email c2c@cardiff.gov.uk

If you call when closed you will hear a message that gives emergency contact telephone numbers.

Met Office: http://www.metoffice.gov.uk